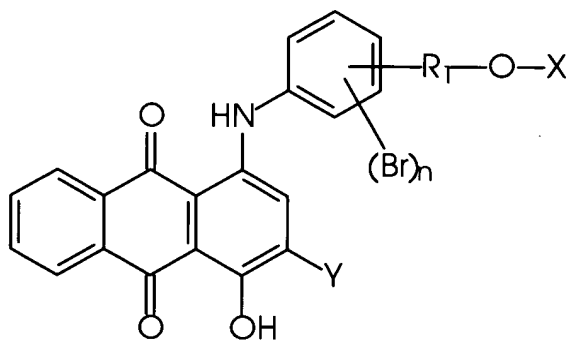


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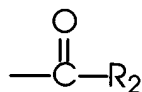
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Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 1, line 5 to page 2, line 3:

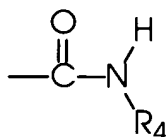
Copending Application U.S. Serial No. 10/260,146, U.S. Publication No. 20040077887, filed September 27, 2002, entitled "Colorant Compounds," with the named inventors Jeffery H. Banning and C. Wayne Jaeger, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses compounds of the formula



wherein Y is a hydrogen atom or a bromine atom, n is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, R_1 is an alkylene group or an arylalkylene group, and X is (a) a hydrogen atom, (b) a group of the formula



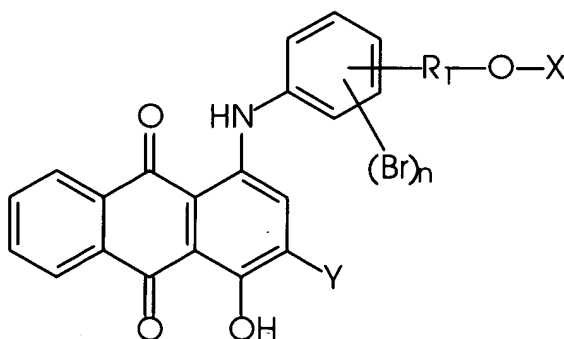
wherein R_2 is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, (c) an alkyleneoxy, aryleneoxy, arylalkyleneoxy, or alkylaryleneoxy group, or (d) a group of the formula



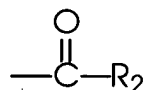
wherein R_4 is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 2, line 4 to page 3, line 3:

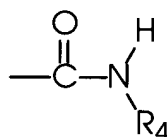
Copending Application U.S. Serial No. 10/260,376, now U.S. Patent No. 6,821,327, filed September 27, 2002, entitled "Phase Change Inks," with the named inventors C. Wayne Jaeger and Jeffery H. Banning, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses a phase change ink composition comprising a phase change ink carrier and a colorant compound of the formula



wherein Y is a hydrogen atom or a bromine atom, n is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, R₁ is an alkylene group or an arylalkylene group, and X is (a) a hydrogen atom, (b) a group of the formula



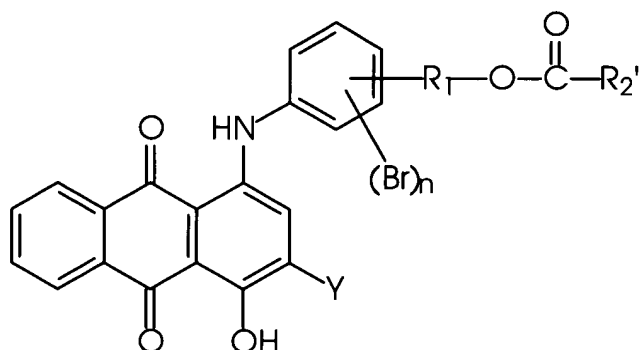
wherein R₂ is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, (c) an alkyleneoxy, aryleneoxy, arylalkyleneoxy, or alkylaryleneoxy group, or (d) a group of the formula



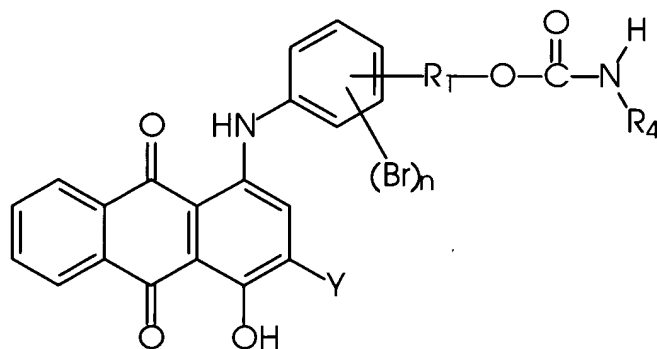
wherein R₄ is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 3, line 4 to page 5, line 4:

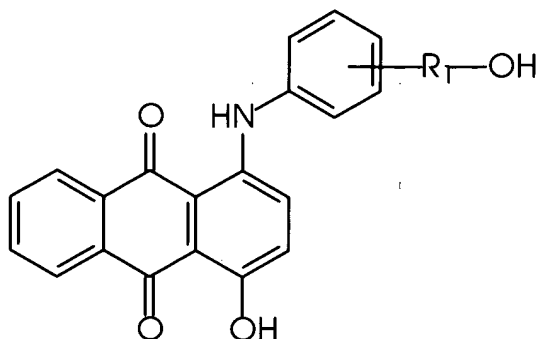
Copending Application U.S. Serial No. 10/260,379, U.S. Publication No. 20040082801, filed September 27, 2002, entitled "Methods for Making Colorant Compounds," with the named inventors C. Wayne Jaeger and Jeffery H. Banning, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses a process for preparing a colorant of the formula



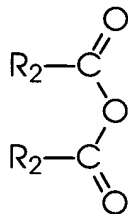
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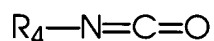
wherein Y is a hydrogen atom or a bromine atom, n is an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, R_1 is an alkylene group or an arylalkylene group, R_2 is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, and R_4 is an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, or an alkylaryl group, can be prepared by a process which comprises (a) preparing a first reaction mixture by admixing (1) leucoquinizarin and, optionally, quinizarin, (2) an aminobenzene substituted with an alcohol group of the formula $-R_1-OH$, (3) boric acid, and (4) an optional solvent, and heating the first reaction mixture to prepare an alcohol-substituted colorant of the formula



followed by (b) converting the colorant thus prepared to either (i) an ester-substituted colorant by reaction with an esterification compound which is either (A) an anhydride of the formula



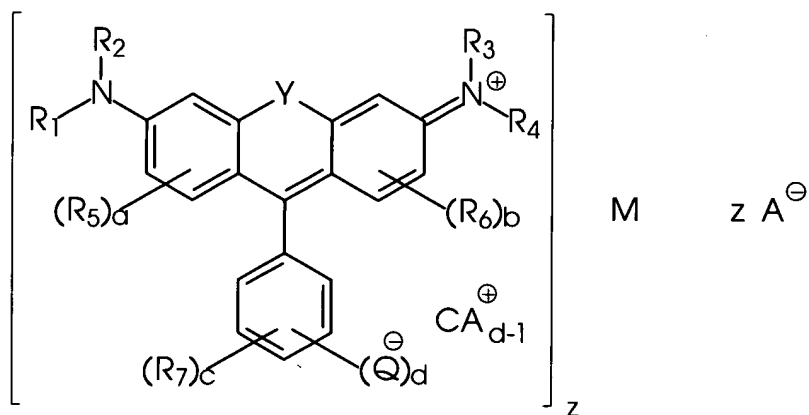
or (B) an acid of the formula R₂COOH in the presence of an optional esterification catalyst, or (ii) a urethane-substituted colorant by reaction with an isocyanate compound of the formula



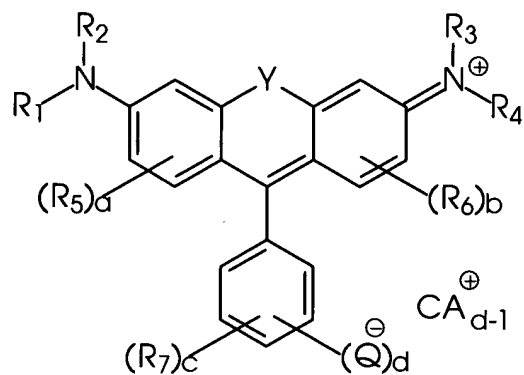
and (c) brominating the colorant thus prepared, wherein either conversion to ester or urethane can be performed before bromination or bromination can be performed before conversion to ester or urethane.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 5, line 5 to page 7, line 3:

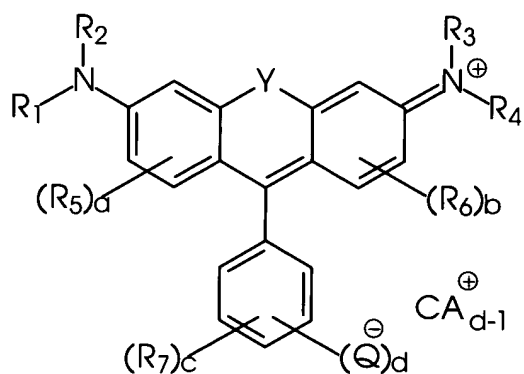
Copending Application U.S. Serial No. ~~(not yet assigned; Attorney Docket Number D/A3152Q)~~ 10/606,631, filed concurrently herewith, entitled "Phase Change Inks Containing Colorant Compounds," with the named inventors Bo Wu, Jeffery H. Banning, James M. Duff, Wolfgang G. Wedler, Jule W. Thomas, and Randall R. Bridgeman, the disclosure of which is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses a phase change ink composition comprising a phase change ink carrier and a colorant compound of the formula



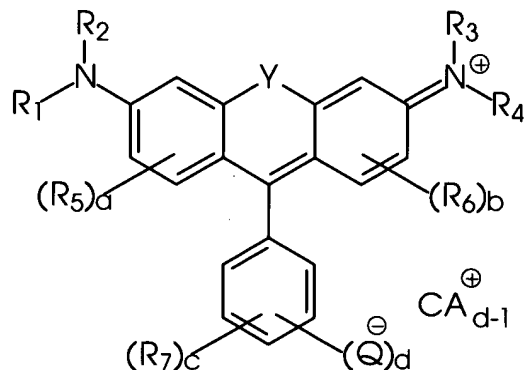
wherein M is either (1) a metal ion having a positive charge of +y wherein y is an integer which is at least 2, said metal ion being capable of forming a compound with at least two



chromogen moieties, or (2) a metal-containing moiety capable of forming a compound with at least two



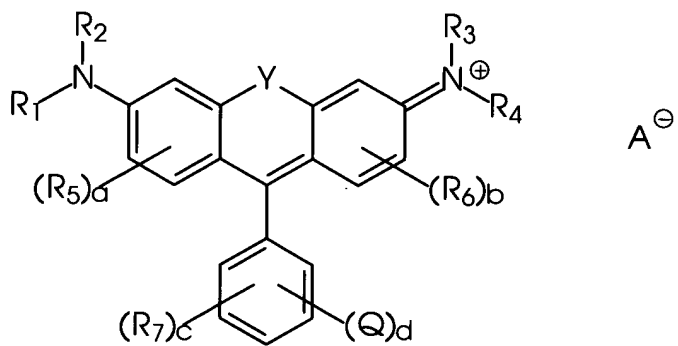
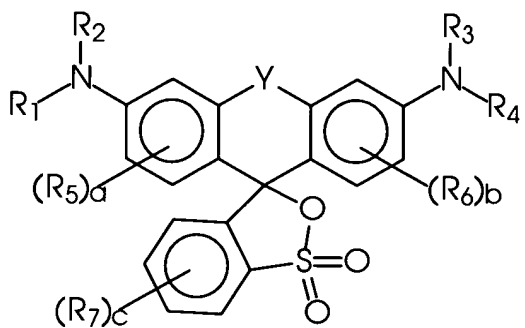
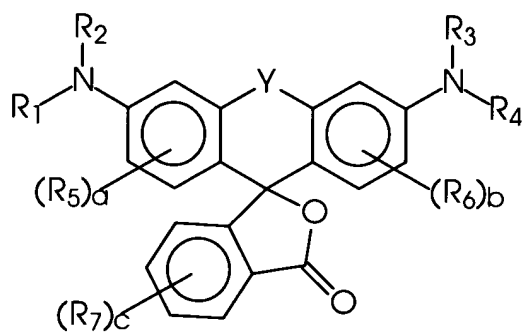
chromogen moieties, z is an integer representing the number of



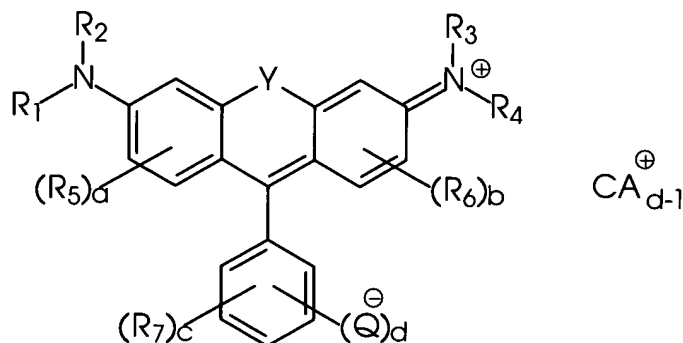
chromogen moieties associated with the metal and is at least 2, and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , a , b , c , d , Y , Q , A , and CA are as defined therein.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 7, line 4 to page 8, line 6:

Copending Application U.S. Serial No. ~~(not yet assigned;~~
~~Attorney Docket Number D/A3153)~~ 10/607,382, filed concurrently
herewith, entitled "Colorant Compounds," with the named inventors
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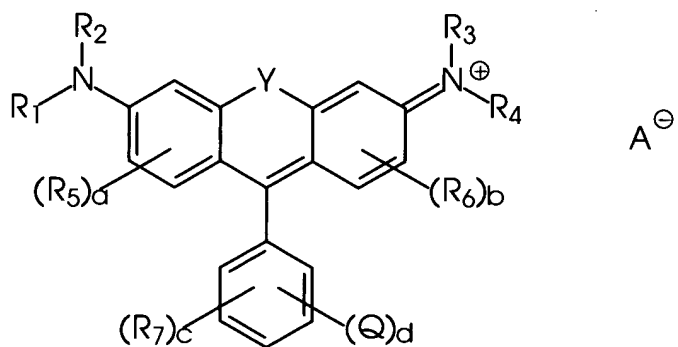
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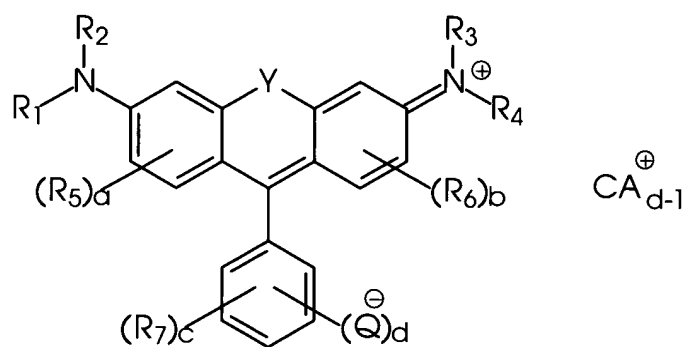
wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , a , b , c , d , Y , Q , Q^- , A , and CA are as defined therein.

Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph at page 8, line 7 to page 9, line 10:

Copending Application U.S. Serial No. ~~(not yet assigned;~~
~~Attorney Docket Number D/A3153Q)~~ 10/606,705, filed concurrently
 herewith, entitled "Phase Change Inks Containing Colorant Compounds,"
 with the named inventors Bo Wu, Jeffery H. Banning, James M. Duff,
 Wolfgang G. Wedler, and Donald R. Titterington, the disclosure of which
 is totally incorporated herein by reference, discloses phase change inks
 comprising a carrier and a colorant of the formula



or



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , a , b , c , d , Y , Q , Q^- , A , and CA are as defined therein.